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## **THEME PARK INJURIES SOAR IN 1999**

**"...up 12% from 1998 and 95% from 1996."**

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Dear Colleague:

Please join me in cosponsoring H.R. 3032, a bill to ensure that when children are injured or killed in theme parks, the lessons learned about the accidents are shared throughout the nation with other park owners, operators, manufacturers and riders.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has just released another year's worth of emergency room data on amusement park ride injuries. The data show a startling 95% increase in serious injury on permanent theme park rides over the last four years.

***THE LATEST ACCIDENT STATISTICS SHOW THAT INJURIES ARE RISING MOST RAPIDLY WHERE THE INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO ENJOY A COMPLETE EXEMPTION FROM CPSC REGULATION -- PERMANENT THEME PARK RIDES!***

Whatever rationale persuaded the Congress to exempt these rides in the first place disappeared long ago. We can no longer tolerate a situation where children can be killed or injured repeatedly on these rides as a direct result of our failure to share accident information nationwide. Please help me repeal the "roller coaster loophole" in our nation's consumer product safety laws so that at least one person with 50-state authority can try to prevent repeat accidents from destroying the life of a child.

Call David Moulton at 202-225-2836 to join a bipartisan group of over 50 concerned Members cosponsoring H.R. 3032, the Amusement Park Ride Safety Act. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Markey